



October 7, 2021

TO: The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building, Queen's Park
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Email: premier@ontario.ca

Re: Support of Suicide Prevention Hotline

Dear Premier Ford,

At its Regular Council Meeting held on June 21, 2021, Town of Essex Council discussed the Municipality of Lakeshore's resolution regarding a National Suicide Prevention Hotline and endorsement for the 988 crisis line. Council addressed the issue of increased suicide prevention services due to COVID-19 and the need to ensure critical barriers are removed to those in crisis. I am pleased to report that as a result of that review Council passed the following resolution:

R21-06-267

Moved by: Councillor Verbeek

Seconded By: Councillor Bondy

That the correspondence from Municipality of Lakeshore dated May 27, 2021, requesting support for a National Suicide Prevention Hotline and endorsement for the 988 crisis line initiative be received and supported with a letter of support; and

That the Town of Essex send its own letter requesting support for this initiative with circulation to Chris Lewis, MP, Taras Natyshak, MPP, Federal Minister of Health, the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications and all local area municipalities.



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I trust you will find this satisfactory. If you have any questions or comments please feel free to contact the undersigned.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Auger", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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